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DESCRIPTION

## PROCESS FOR PRODUCING FLUORINE-CONTAINING ACRYLIC ACID ESTER

## 5 TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to a process for producing a fluorine-containing acrylic acid ester which is a useful compound widely used as materials and the like for pharmaceuticals and functional polymers.

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## BACKGROUND ART

Conventionally, the following methods have been known for producing a fluorine-containing acrylic acid ester.

(1) A method in which  $\alpha$ -(trifluoromethyl)acrylic acid is allowed to react with thionyl chloride to render it  $\alpha$ -(trifluoromethyl)acrylyl chloride, which is then reacted with a fluorine-containing alcohol in the presence of a base to generate  $\alpha$ -(trifluoromethyl)acrylic acid ester (Patent document 1).

(2) A method in which  $\alpha$ -(trifluoromethyl)acrylic acid is allowed to react with a fluorine-containing alcohol or methanol in the presence of fuming sulfuric acid to generate  $\alpha$ -(trifluoromethyl)acrylic acid ester (Patent document 2).

(3) A method in which 2-bromo-3,3,3-trifluoropropene is allowed to react with ethanol in the presence of palladium

catalyst, carbon monoxide, and triethylamine single base  
(Patent document 3).

However, the method (1) has such a drawback that the  
yield of converting reaction into  $\alpha$ -(trifluoromethyl)acrylyl  
5 chloride is low, and an anhydride is generated as a byproduct.  
The method (2) has such a drawback that use of a great amount  
of hard-to-handle fuming sulfuric acid is necessary. The  
method (3) has such a drawback that alkoxy fluorine-containing  
propionic acid ester is produced as a main product. In this  
10 patent document, we can find the description "1,1,1-trifluoro-  
2,3-dihalopropane may be used while directly converted into 2-  
halo-3,3,3-trifluoropropene within the system" but not a  
practical example for reaction with alcohol. Also, the fact  
that reaction in the presence of two or more kinds of bases  
15 will improve the yield of fluorine-containing acrylic acid  
ester has never been known (see Comparative examples).

(Patent document 1) Japanese Examined Patent Publication  
No. Hei 3-8329

(Patent document 2) Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication  
20 No. Sho 60-42352

(Patent document 3) Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication  
No. Sho 58-154529

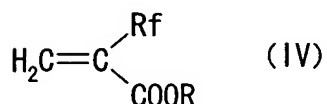
#### DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

25 It is an object of the present invention to provide a

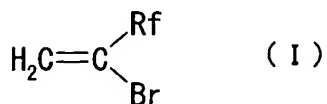
process for producing a fluorine-containing acrylic acid ester by which many drawbacks accompanying the conventional arts as described above are overcome, and which realizes simplicity and high versatility.

5           The inventors of the present application diligently searched for solution for the drawbacks accompanying the conventional approaches as described above, and found a simple, versatile and highly selective process for producing a fluorine-containing acrylic acid ester using 1-bromo-1-  
10 perfluoroalkylethene or 1,2-dibromo-1-perfluoroalkylethane as a starting material, and finally accomplished the present invention.

Specifically, the present invention provides a process for producing a fluorine-containing acrylic acid ester  
15 represented by the general formula (IV):

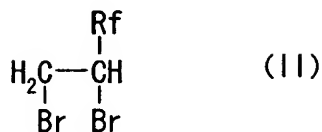


(wherein , Rf represents a perfluoroalkyl group and R represents an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group), wherein 1-bromo-1-perfluoroalkylethene represented by the  
20 general formula (I):



(wherein Rf is as defined above), or , 1,2-dibromo-1-perfluoroalkylethane represented by the general

formula (II):



(wherein Rf is as defined above) is allowed to react with an alcohol represented by the general formula (III):

5 ROH (III)

(wherein R is as defined above) in the presence of a palladium catalyst, carbon monoxide, and two or more kinds of bases.

#### BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

10 The "alkyl group" used in the present invention refers to a straight, branched, or cyclic alkyl group having 20 or less, preferably 1 to 15 carbon(s) optionally having a substituent not involved in the reaction. Examples of such alkyl groups include methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl  
15 group, butyl group, t-butyl group, 1-methylpropyl group, 2-methylpropyl group, pentyl group, 1,1-dimethylpropyl group, 1,2-dimethylpropyl group, 2,2-dimethylpropyl group, 1-methylbutyl group, 2-methylbutyl group, 3-methylbutyl group, cyclopropyl group, cyclobutyl group, dimethylcyclopropyl group,  
20 methylcyclobutyl group, cyclopentyl group, hexyl group, cyclohexyl group, 3-methylcyclohexyl group, 4-1-methylpentyl group, methylcyclohexyl group, heptyl group, octyl group, cyclohexylmethyl group, 1-cyclohexylethyl group, cyclooctyl

group, nonyl group, decyl group, 1-menthyl group, 1-adamantyl group, 2-adamantyl group, 2-methyl-2-adamantyl group, 2-ethyl-2-adamantyl group, 2-propyl-2-adamantyl group, 2-butyl-2-adamantyl group, norbornyl group, bicyclo[2,2,2]octyl group, bicyclo[3,2,1]octyl group, 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl group, 4,4,4-trifluorobutyl group, 2-methoxyethyl group, and benzyl group.

The "perfluoroalkyl group" used in the present invention refers to a straight, branched, or cyclic fluorinated alkyl group having 1 to 20, preferably 1 to 10 carbon(s). Examples of such fluorinated alkyl groups include trifluoromethyl group, perfluoroethyl group, perfluoropropyl group, perfluoroisopropyl group, perfluorobutyl group, perfluoro-sec-butyl group, perfluoro-tert-butyl group, perfluoro isopentyl group, perfluorohexyl group, perfluoro octyl group, perfluoro decyl group, and the like, with perfluoro alkyl groups having 1 to 4 carbon(s) being preferred, and trifluoromethyl group being more preferred.

The present invention is conducted in the presence of a palladium catalyst. Examples of the palladium catalyst that can be used include metal palladiums such as palladium black and palladium sponge; supported palladium such as palladium/carbon, palladium/alumina, palladium/asbestos, palladium/barium sulfate, palladium/barium carbonate, palladium/calcium carbonate, and palladium/polyethylene amine; palladium salts such as palladium chloride, palladium bromide,

palladium iodide, palladium acetate, palladium  
trifluoroacetate, palladium nitrate, palladium oxide,  
palladium sulfate, palladium cyanate, allyl palladium chloride  
dimmer, and palladium acetyl acetate; palladium complex salts  
5 and complex compounds such as sodium hexachloro palladate,  
potassium hexachloro palladate, sodium tetrachloro palladate,  
potassium tetrachloro palladate, potassium tetrabromo  
palladate, tetra(acetonitrile)palladium fluoroborate, ammonium  
tetrachloro palladate, ammonium hexachloro palladate, dichloro  
10 bis(acetonitrile)palladium, dichloro  
bis(benzonitrile)palladium, and tris(dibenzylidene  
acetone)dipalladium; amine-based complexes such as  
dichlorodiamine palladium, palladium tetraamine nitrate,  
tetraamine palladium tetrachloro palladate, dichlorodipyridine  
15 palladium, dichloro(2,2'-bipyridyl)palladium, dichloro(4,4'-  
dimethyl-2,2'-bipyridyl)palladium,  
dichloro(phenanthroline)palladium, (phenanthroline)palladium  
nitrate, dichloro(tetramethyl phenanthroline)palladium,  
(tetramethyl phenanthroline)palladium nitrate,  
20 diphenanthroline palladium nitrate, and bis(tetramethyl  
phenanthroline) palladium nitrate; phosphine-based complexes  
such as dichloro bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium, dichloro  
bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)palladium, tetrakis  
(triphenylphosphine)palladium, dichloro[1,2-  
25 bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane]palladium, dichloro[1,3-

bis(diphenylphosphino)propane]palladium, dichloro[1,4-bis(diphenylphosphino)butane]palladium, and dichloro[1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene]palladium.

In the cases of amine-based complexes or phosphine-based  
5 complexes, they may be prepared in a reaction system by adding  
a ligand to a precursor palladium compound. Examples of the  
ligand for the amine-based complexes that can be used for  
preparation in a system include ammonia, diethylamine,  
triethylamine, 1,2-bis(dimethylamino)ethane, 1,2-  
10 bis(diphenylamino)ethane, 1,2-bis(dimethylamino)propane, 1,3-  
bis(dimethylamino)propane, pyridine, aminopyridine,  
dimethylaminopyridine, 2,2'-bipyridyl, 4,4'-dimethyl-2,2'-  
bipyridyl, 2,2'-biquinoline, phenanthroline, tetramethyl  
phenanthroline, and the like.

15 Examples of the ligand for phosphine-based complex that  
can be used for preparation in a system include  
triphenylphosphine, tricyclohexylphosphine, tri-*t*-  
butylphosphine, 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane, 1,3-  
bis(diphenylphosphino)propane, 1,4-  
20 bis(diphenylphosphino)butane, 1,1'-  
bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene, sodium  
diphenylphosphinobenzene-3-sulfonate, tricyclohexylphosphine,  
tri(2-furyl)phosphine, tris(2,6-dimethoxyphenyl)phosphine,  
tris(4-methoxyphenyl)phosphine, tris(4-methylphenyl)phosphine,  
25 tris(3-methylphenyl)phosphine, tris(2-methylphenyl)phosphine,

and the like.

These palladium catalysts may be used in a so-called catalytic amount, which is selected in the range of about 0.0001 to 0.1 equivalent, usually in the range of about 0.001 to 0.05 equivalent, relative to 1,2-dibromo-1-perfluoroalkylethane represented by the general formula (I).

The alcohol represented by the general formula (III) is a straight, branched, or cyclic aliphatic alcohol having 1 to 20 carbon(s), optionally having a substituent not involved in the reaction. Examples of the alcohol include methanol, ethanol, propanol, butanol, pentanol, hexanol, octanol, cyclohexylethanol, 2-propanol, 2-methyl-2-propanol, 2-butanol, 2-hexanol, amylalcohol, 2-methyl-1-propanol, cyclopentanol, cyclohexanol, cyclooctanol, 3-methylcyclohexanol, 4-methylcyclohexanol, benzylalcohol, 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol, ethyleneglycolmonomethylether, 2-methyl-2-adamantanol, 2-ethyl-2-adamantanol, 2-butyl-2-adamantanol, 1,3-adamantanediol, and 2-norbornanol. Such an alcohol may be used in an amount which is equivalent or large excess to 1,2-dibromo-1-perfluoroalkylethane represented by the general formula (I), and the alcohol may also serve as a solvent. Usually, it may be used in an amount ranging from 1 to 5 equivalent(s).

In the process of the present invention, the reaction is conducted under the pressure of carbon monoxide. The reaction method is not particularly limited, and it may be carried out



in a batch or semi-batch manner. The carbon monoxide pressure is usually selected from the range of 0.1 to 10 MPaG, however, about 0.5 to 5 MPaG is preferable in respect of reaction efficiency from the view points of safety and economy.

5           The present invention is conducted in the presence of two or more kinds of bases, and preferably, at least one kind from these two or more kinds of bases is an inorganic base, an inorganic salt or an organometallic compound, and preferably, at least one kind of base is amines.

10           Examples of the inorganic salt that can be used include alkaline metal alkoxides such as sodium methoxide, sodium ethoxide, sodium t-butoxide, potassium methoxide, potassium ethoxide, and potassium t-butoxide; alkaline earth metal alkoxides such as magnesium diethoxide and magnesium  
15 dimethoxide; and anion exchange resins.

          Examples of the inorganic salt that can be used include alkaline metal hydrides such as lithium hydride, sodium  
hydride and potassium hydride; alkaline earth metal hydrides  
such as beryllium hydride, magnesium hydride, and calcium  
20 hydride; alkaline metal hydroxides such as lithium hydroxide, sodium hydroxide, and potassium hydroxide; alkaline earth  
metal hydroxides such as beryllium hydroxide, magnesium  
hydroxide, and calcium hydroxide; alkaline metal carbonates  
such as lithium carbonate, sodium carbonate, and potassium  
25 carbonate; and alkaline earth metal carbonates such as

beryllium carbonate, magnesium carbonate, and calcium carbonate.

Examples of the organometallic compound that can be used include organic alkaline metal compounds such as butyl lithium, t-butyl lithium, phenyl lithium, triphenylmethyl sodium, and ethyl sodium; and organic alkaline earth metal compounds such as methylmagnesium bromide, dimethylmagnesium, phenylmagnesium chloride, phenylcalcium bromide, and bis(dicyclobentadiene)calcium.

Examples of the amines that can be used include tertiary amines such as trimethylamine, triethylamine, tributylamine, N,N-dimethylaniline, dimethylbenzylamine, and N,N,N',N'-tetramethyl-1,8-naphthalenediamine; and heteroaromatic amines such as pyridine, pyrrole, uracil, collidine, and lutidine.

In respect of two or more kinds of bases used in the present invention, bases combining an inorganic base, an inorganic salt, or an organometallic compound with amines are preferred from the view points of reaction yield efficiency, and selectivity.

The inorganic base, the inorganic salt, or the organometallic compound is preferably used in such an amount that at least one kind has a molar ratio of 0.001 to 1, relative to the compound represented by the general formula (I) or (II) from the view point of yield, reaction efficiency and selectivity.

The use amount of amines may be selected in the range of from molar ratio of 1 to large excess to the compound represented by the general formula (I) or (II), and usually about 1 to 8 equivalent(s).

5           In practicing the present invention, the alcohol represented by the general formula(III) may serves also as a solvent, and it is preferred to use a solvent that is inert to reactions. Examples of the solvent that can be used include aromatic solvents such as benzene, toluene, and xylene;  
10   hydrocarbon solvents such as hexane and octane; and polar solvents such as acetone, acetonitrile, acetone, sulfolane, tetrahydrofuran, dioxane, dimethoxyethane, diglyme, dimethylsulfoxide, N,N-dimethylformamide, N,N-dimethylacetoamide, N-methylpyrrolidone, 1,3-dimethyl-2-  
15   imidazolidinone, and hexamethyl phosphoryl triamide. The use amount of the solvent is not particularly limited insofar as a part or a whole of materials is dissolved at a reaction temperature.

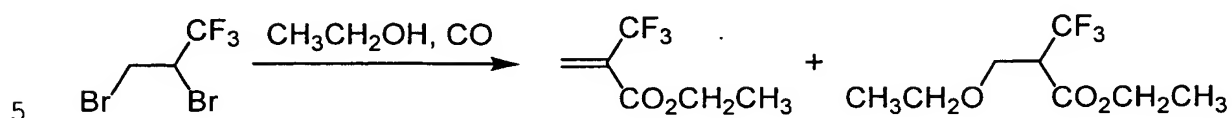
          The reaction temperature may be appropriately selected in  
20   the range of from room temperature to 300°C, however, the range from 50°C to 160°C is preferred from the view point of reaction efficiency.

#### EXAMPLES

25           In the following, the present invention will be described

in more detail by way of examples and comparative examples,  
however the present invention is not limited by these examples.

#### Example 1



An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), ethanol (0.057 g, 1.24 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), 60%-sodium hydride (0.0080 g, 0.2 mmol), dichlorobis (triphenylphosphine)  
10 palladium (II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed  
15 by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid ethyl ester was obtained with a yield of 74.9% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane standard. Also 5.1% of 3-ethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid ethyl ester was obtained.  
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2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid ethyl ester

<sup>19</sup>F-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): -65.9 (t, J = 1.50 Hz)

GC-MS MS (EI): m/z 169 (M<sup>+</sup>+1), 123(100%)

3-ethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid ethyl ester

$^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -66.8 (d,  $J = 8.52$  Hz)

#### Comparative example 1

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), ethanol (0.057 g, 1.24 mmol), triethylamine (0.223 g, 2.2 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid ethyl ester was obtained with a yield of 64.6% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 13.2% of 3-ethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid ethyl ester

#### Example 2

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), ethanol (0.057 g, 1.24 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), sodium carbonate (0.0106 g, 0.1 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred

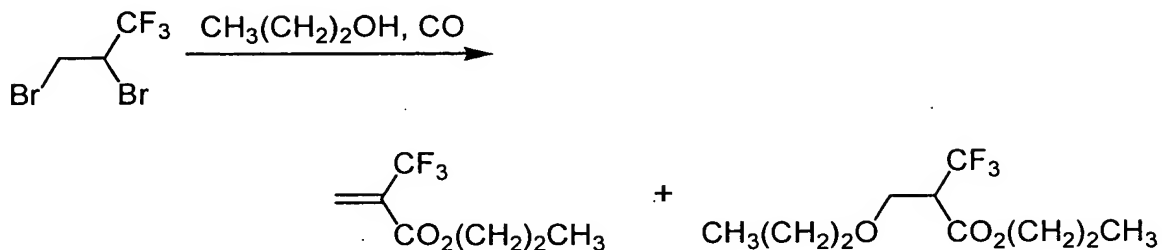
at 100°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzo-trifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid ethyl ester was obtained with a yield of 81.6% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also, 3.0% of 3-ethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid ethyl ester was obtained.

### Example 3

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), ethanol (0.057 g, 1.24 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), lithium carbonate (0.0074 g, 0.1 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzo-trifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid ethyl ester was obtained with a yield of 84.7% on the

basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 2.8% of 3-ethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid ethyl ester was obtained.

#### 5 Example 4



An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 1-propanol (0.072 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), sodium carbonate (0.0106 g, 0.1 mmol),  
 10 dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled,  
 15 ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid propyl ester was obtained with a yield of 80.2% on the  
 20 basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also, 3.8% of 3-propoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid propyl ester was obtained.

2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid propyl ester

$^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -65.8 (t,  $J = 1.52$  Hz)

GC-MS MS (CI):  $m/z$  183 ( $\text{M}^+ + 1$ )

3-propoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid propyl ester

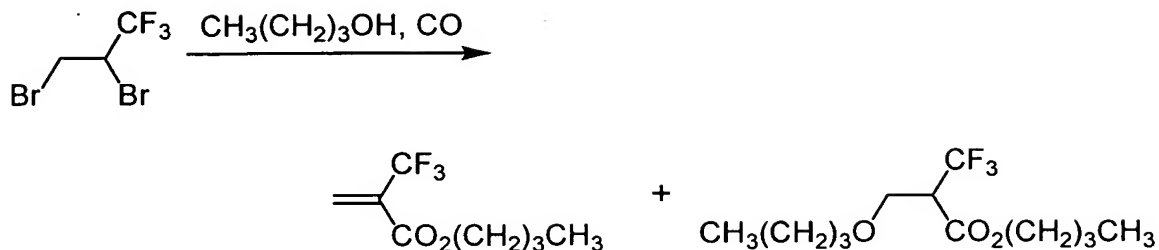
5  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -66.7 (d,  $J = 8.53$  Hz)

#### Comparative example 2

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 1-propanol (0.072 g, 10 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.223 g, 2.2 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 120°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, 15 ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid propyl ester was obtained with a yield of 65.4% on the 20 basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 8.9% of 3-propoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid propyl ester was obtained.



Example 5



An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 1-butanol (0.089 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), sodium carbonate (0.0106 g, 0.1 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid butyl ester was obtained with a yield of 82.6% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 3.5% of 3-butoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid butyl ester was obtained.

20 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid butyl ester

<sup>19</sup>F-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): -65.7 (t, J = 1.48 Hz)

GC-MS MS (CI): m/z 197 (M<sup>+</sup>+1)

3-butoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid butyl ester

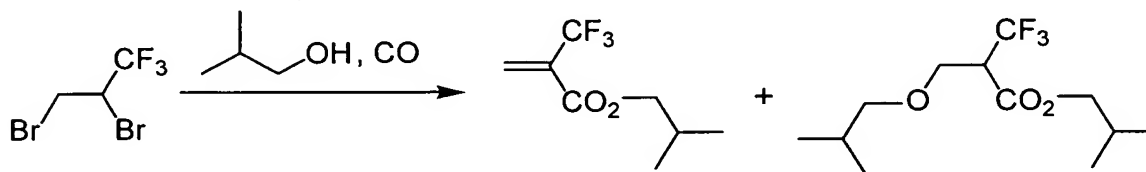
$^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -66.7 (d,  $J = 8.53$  Hz)

### Comparative example 3

5           An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 1-butanol (0.089 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.223 g, 2.2 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were stirred at  
10   120°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -  
15   NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid butyl ester was obtained with a yield of 68.7% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 9.3% of 3-butoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid butyl ester was obtained.

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### Example 6



An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-

trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 2-methyl-1-propanol  
(0.089 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), sodium  
carbonate (0.0106 g, 0.1 mmol),  
dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01  
5 mmol), and toluene (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C  
for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG).  
After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled,  
ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal  
standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for  
10 a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -  
NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic  
acid 2-methyl-1-propyl ester was obtained with a yield of  
82.0% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also  
3.1% of 3-(2-methyl-1-propyloxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic  
15 acid 2-methyl-1-propyl ester was obtained.

2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 2-methyl-1-propyl ester

$^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -65.8 (t,  $J = 1.48$  Hz)

GC-MS MS (CI):  $m/z$  197 ( $M^+ + 1$ )

3-(2-methyl-1-propyloxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl) propionic acid 2-  
20 methyl-1-propyl ester

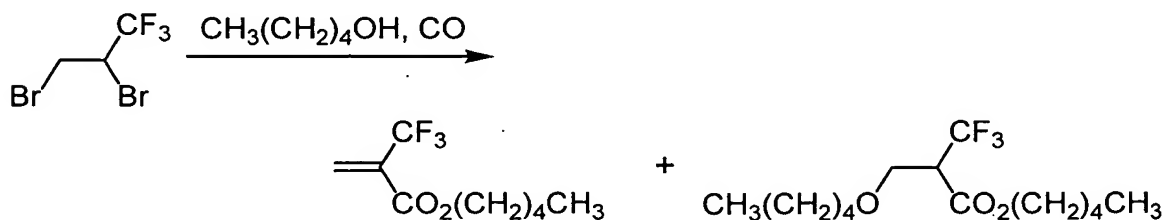
$^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -66.7 (d,  $J = 8.52$  Hz)

#### Comparative example 4

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-  
25 trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 2-methyl-1-propanol

(0.089 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.223 g, 2.2 mmol),  
dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01  
mmol), and toluene (2.0 mL), which were stirred at 120°C for 5  
hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the  
5 end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and  
added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance,  
followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a  
salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration  
value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 2-methyl-1-  
10 propyl ester was obtained with a yield of 65.1% on the basis  
of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 9.2% of 3-(2-  
methyl-1-propyloxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid 2-  
methyl-1-propyl ester was obtained.

#### 15 Example 7



An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-  
trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 1-pentanol (0.106 g,  
1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), sodium carbonate  
20 (0.0106 g, 0.1 mmol),  
dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01  
mmol), and toluene (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C

for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG).

After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled,  
ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal  
standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for  
5 a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -  
NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic  
acid pentyl ester was obtained with a yield of 84.0% on the  
basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 4.5% of 3-  
pentyloxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid pentyl ester was  
10 obtained.

2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid pentyl ester

$^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -65.7 (t,  $J = 1.51$  Hz)

GC-MS MS (CI):  $m/z$  211 ( $M^+ + 1$ )

3-pentyloxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid pentyl ester

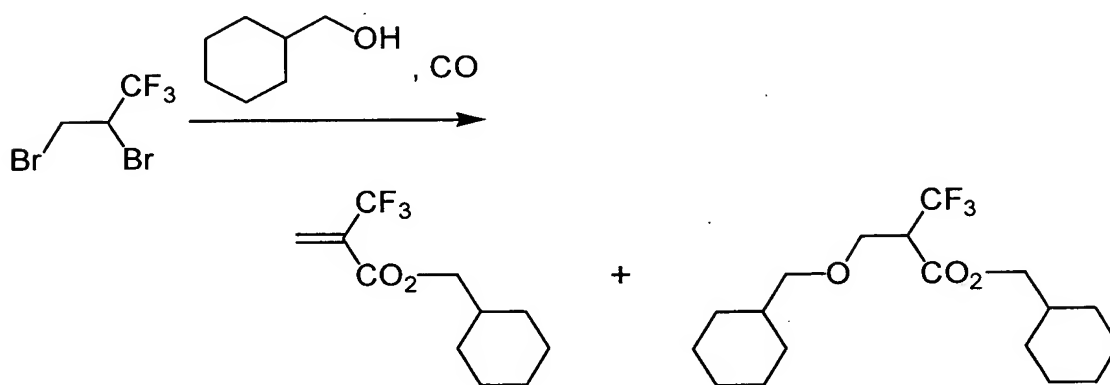
15  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -66.8 (d,  $J = 8.45$  Hz)

#### Comparative example 5

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-  
trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 1-pentanol (0.106 g,  
20 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.223 g, 2.2 mmol),  
dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01  
mmol), and toluene (2.0 mL), which were stirred at 120°C for 5  
hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the  
end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and  
25 added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance,

followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid pentyl ester was obtained with a yield of 72.3% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 11.0% of 3-pentyloxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid pentyl ester was obtained.

#### Example 8



10        An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), cyclohexyl methanol (0.137 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), sodium carbonate (0.0106 g, 0.1 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were stirred at 120°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for 20 a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -

NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid cyclohexylmethyl ester was obtained with a yield of 80.7% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 4.4% of 3-cyclohexylmethyloxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid cyclohexylmethyl ester was obtained.

2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid cyclohexylmethyl ester

$^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -65.7 (t,  $J = 1.46$  Hz)

GC-MS MS (CI):  $m/z$  237 ( $\text{M}^+ + 1$ )

3-cyclohexylmethyloxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid

cyclohexylmethyl ester

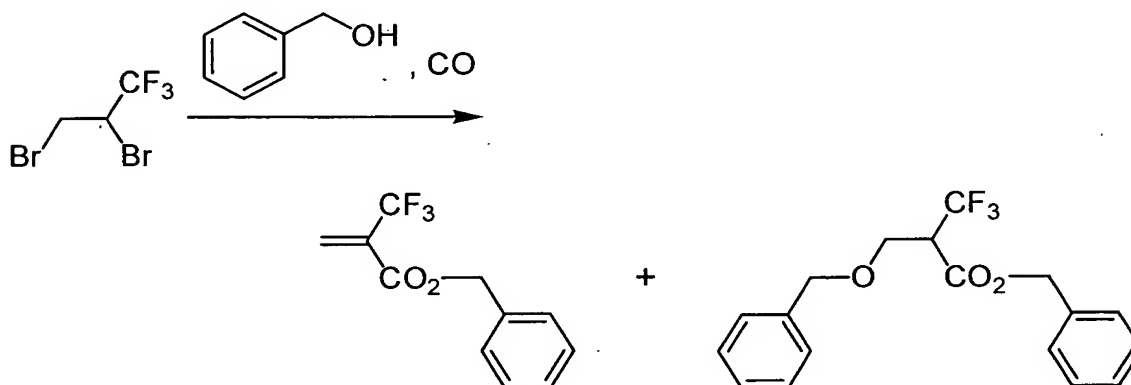
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#### Comparative example 6

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), cyclohexyl methanol (0.137 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.223 g, 2.2 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol) and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were stirred at 120°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid cyclohexylmethyl ester was obtained with a yield of 66.9%

on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 11.3% of 3-cyclohexylmethyloxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid cyclohexylmethyl ester was obtained.

# 5 Example 9



An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), benzyl alcohol (0.130 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), lithium carbonate (0.0148 g, 0.2 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were stirred at 120°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid benzyl ester was obtained with a yield of 71.7% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 7.8% of 3-



benzyloxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid benzyl ester was obtained.

2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid benzyl ester

$^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -65.8 (t,  $J = 1.34$  Hz)

5 GC-MS MS (CI):  $m/z$  231 ( $M^+ + 1$ )

3-benzyloxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid benzyl ester

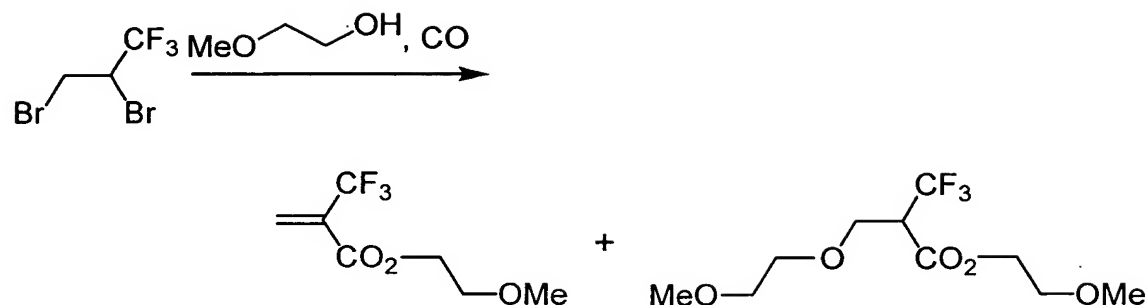
$^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -66.5 (d,  $J = 8.36$  Hz)

Comparative example 7

10 An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), benzyl alcohol (0.119 g, 1.1 mmol), triethylamine (0.223 g, 2.2 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol) and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at  
15 120°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -  
20 NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid benzyl ester was obtained with a yield of 48.2% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 4.5% of 3-benzyloxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid benzyl ester was obtained.

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Example 10



An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 2-methoxyethanol (0.091 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), sodium carbonate (0.0106 g, 0.1 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and toluene (2.0 mL), which were stirred at 120°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 2-methoxyethyl ester was obtained with a yield of 74.8% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 4.8% of 3-(2-methoxyethoxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid 2-methoxyethyl ester was obtained.

20 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 2-methoxyethyl ester

<sup>19</sup>F-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): -65.9 (t, J = 1.44 Hz)

GC-MS MS (CI): m/z 199 ( $M^+ + 1$ )

3-(2-methoxyethyloxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid 2-methoxyethyl ester

$^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -66.7 (d,  $J = 8.45$  Hz)

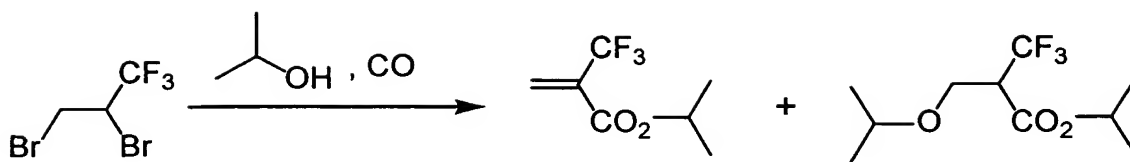
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#### Comparative example 8

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 2-methoxyethanol (0.091 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.223 g, 2.2 mmol),

10 dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and toluene (2.0 mL), which were stirred at 120°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance,  
15 followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 2-methoxyethyl ester was obtained with a yield of 68.6% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 9.9% of 3-  
20 (2-methoxyethyloxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid 2-methoxyethyl ester was obtained.

#### Example 11



An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 2-propanol (0.072 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), 60%-sodium  
 5 hydride (0.0080 g, 0.2 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol) and toluene (2.0 mL), which were stirred at 120°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and  
 10 added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 2-propyl ester was obtained with a yield of 70.9% on the basis of 2,3-  
 15 dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 1.2% of 3-(2-propyloxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid 2-propyl ester was obtained. 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 2-propyl ester

<sup>19</sup>F-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): -65.9 (t, J = 1.48 Hz)

GC-MS MS (EI): m/z 167 (M<sup>+</sup>-Me, 13), 123 (100%)

20 MS(CI): m/z 183 (M<sup>+</sup>+1)

3-(2-propyloxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid 2-propyl ester

<sup>19</sup>F-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): -66.8 (d, J = 8.52 Hz)

#### Comparative example 9

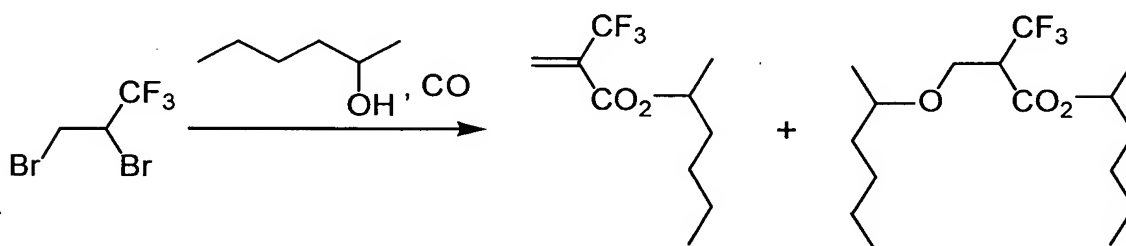
An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 2-propanol (0.072 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.223 g, 2.2 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol) and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were stirred at 120°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 2-propyl ester was obtained with a yield of 53.1% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 3-(2-propyloxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid 2-propyl ester was obtained.

#### Example 12

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 2-propanol (0.072 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), sodium carbonate (0.0106 g, 0.1 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred

at 100°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 2-propyl ester was obtained with a yield of 83.0% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 0.8% of 3-(2-propyloxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid 2-propyl ester was obtained.

#### Example 13



An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 2-hexanol (0.123 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), sodium carbonate (0.0106 g, 0.1 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal

standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 1-methylpentyl ester was obtained with a yield of 84.0% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 0.9% of 3-(1-methylpentyloxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid 1-methylpentyl ester was obtained.

2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 1-methylpentyl ester

$^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -65.8 (t,  $J = 1.41$  Hz)

GC-MS MS (CI):  $m/z$  225 ( $M^+ + 1$ )

3-(1-methylpentyloxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid 1-methylpentyl ester

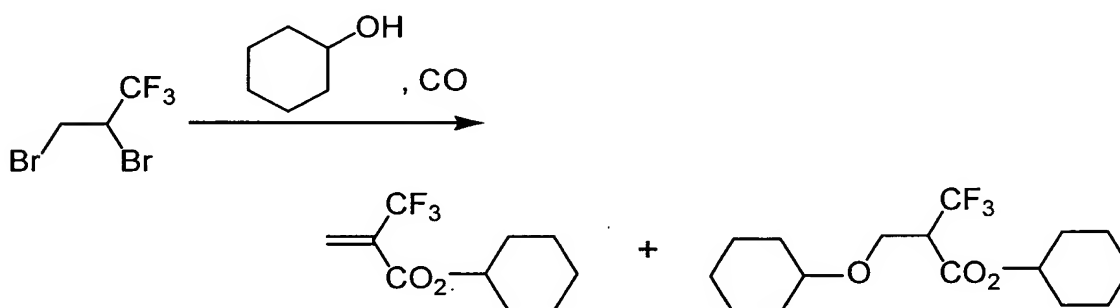
$^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -66.72 (d,  $J = 8.52$  Hz), -66.74 (d,  $J = 8.61$  Hz), -66.78 (d,  $J = 8.65$  Hz), -66.79 (d,  $J = 8.59$  Hz)

#### Comparative example 10

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 2-hexanol (0.123 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.223 g, 2.2 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were stirred at 120°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal

standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 1-methylpentyl ester was obtained with a yield of 72.9% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 4.8% of 3-(1-methylpentyloxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid 1-methylpentyl ester was obtained.

#### Example 14



An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), cyclohexanol (0.120 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), sodium carbonate (0.0106 g, 0.1 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and toluene (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -



NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid cyclohexyl ester was obtained with a yield of 80.5% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 1.2% of 3-cyclohexyloxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid cyclohexyl ester was obtained.

2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid cyclohexyl ester

$^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -65.8 (t,  $J = 1.48$  Hz)

GC-MS MS (CI):  $m/z$  223 ( $M^+ + 1$ )

3-cyclohexyloxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid cyclohexyl ester

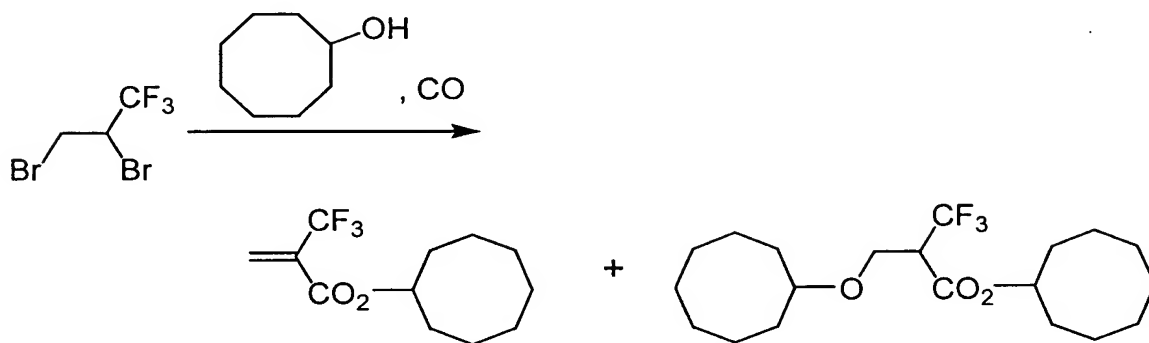
$^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -66.8 (d,  $J = 8.52$  Hz)

Comparative example 11

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), cyclohexanol (0.120 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.223 g, 2.2 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and toluene (2.0 mL), which were stirred at 120°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid cyclohexyl ester was obtained with a yield of 73.4% on the basis of 2,3-

dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 5.3% of 3-cyclohexyloxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid cyclohexyl ester was obtained.

# 5 Example 15



An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), cyclooctanol (0.154 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), sodium carbonate (0.0106 g, 0.1 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and toluene (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt to precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid cyclooctyl ester was obtained with a yield of 83.7% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane.

2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid cyclooctyl ester

$^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -65.9 (t,  $J = 1.48$  Hz)

GC-MS MS (CI):  $m/z$  249 ( $\text{M}^+-1$ )

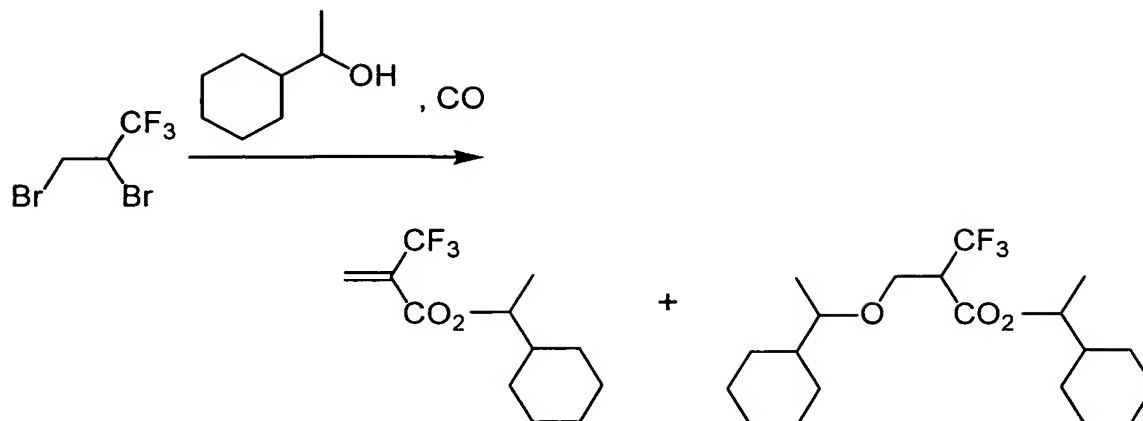
## 5 Comparative example 12

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), cyclooctanol (0.154 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.223 g, 2.2 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and toluene (2.0 mL), which were stirred at 120°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt to precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid cyclooctyl ester was obtained with a yield of 72.3% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 5.2% of 3-cyclohexyloxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid cyclohexyl ester was obtained.

3-cyclooctyloxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid cyclooctyl ester

$^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -66.7 (d,  $J = 8.52$  Hz)

Example 16



An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 1-cyclohexylethanol (0.154 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), sodium t-butoxide (0.0192 g, 0.2 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and toluene (2.0 mL), which were stirred at 120°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 1-cyclohexylethyl ester was obtained with a yield of 75.0% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane.

2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 1-cyclohexylethyl ester

$^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -65.7 (t,  $J = 1.37$  Hz)

GC-MS MS (CI):  $m/z$  249 ( $\text{M}^+-1$ )

### Comparative example 13

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 1-cyclohexyl ethanol (0.154 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.223 g, 2.2 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and toluene (2.0 mL), which were stirred at 120°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 1-cyclohexyl ethyl ester was obtained with a yield of 61.5% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 5.9% of 3-(1-cyclohexylethyloxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid 1-cyclohexylethyl ester was obtained.

3-(1-cyclohexylethyloxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid 1-cyclohexylethyl ester

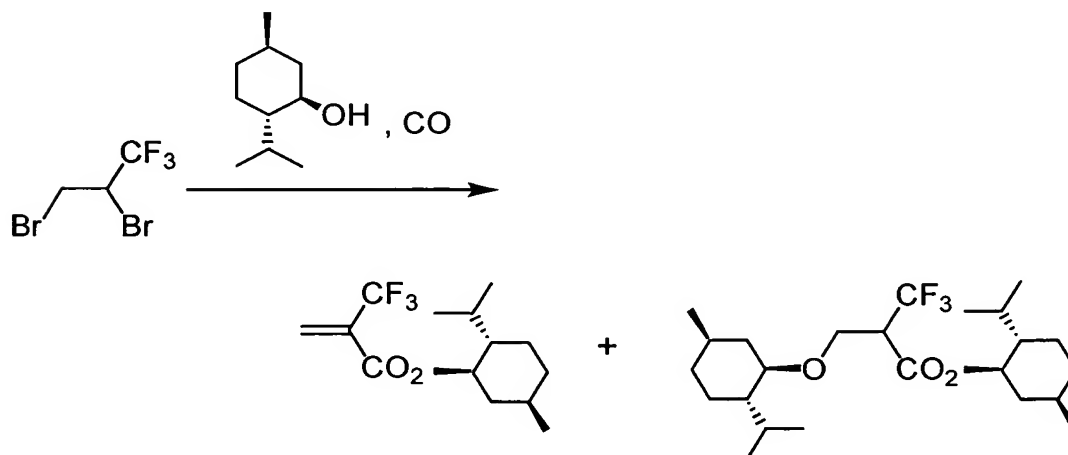
$^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -66.55 (d,  $J = 8.52$  Hz), -66.62 (d,  $J = 8.52$  Hz), -66.63 (d,  $J = 8.61$  Hz), -66.68 (d,  $J = 8.59$  Hz)

### Example 17

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-

trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 1-cyclohexyl ethanol  
 (0.154 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), sodium  
 carbonate (0.0106 g, 0.1 mmol),  
 dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01  
 5 mmol), and toluene (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C  
 for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG).  
 After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled,  
 ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal  
 standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for  
 10 a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-  
 NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic  
 acid 1-cyclohexylethyl ester was obtained with a yield of  
 74.2% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also  
 1.9% of 3-(1-cyclohexylethyloxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic  
 15 acid 1-cyclohexylethyl ester was obtained.

#### Example 18



An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-

trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 1-menthol (0.188 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), 60%-sodium hydride (0.0080 g, 0.2 mmol),

dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01

5 mmol), and toluene (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 120°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG).

After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for

10 a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 1-menthyl ester was obtained with a yield of 73.2% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 1.0% of 3-(1-menthyloxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid 1-menthyl  
15 ester was obtained.

2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 1-menthyl ester

<sup>19</sup>F-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): -65.6 (t, J = 1.48 Hz)

3-(1-menthyloxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid 1-menthyl ester

20 <sup>19</sup>F-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): -66.53 (d, J = 8.53 Hz), -66.59 (d, J = 8.58 Hz)

Comparative example 14

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-

25 trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 1-menthol (0.188 g, 1.2

mmol), triethylamine (0.223 g, 2.2 mmol),  
dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01  
mmol), and toluene (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 120°C  
for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG).

5 After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled,  
ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal  
standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for  
a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-  
NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic  
10 acid 1-menthyl ester was obtained with a yield of 43.1% on the  
basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 6.7% of 3-  
(1-menthyloxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid 1-menthyl  
ester was obtained.

#### 15 Example 19

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-  
trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 1-menthol (0.188 g, 1.2  
mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), sodium carbonate  
(0.0106 g, 0.1 mmol),  
20 dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01  
mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred  
at 100°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0  
MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled,  
ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal  
25 standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for



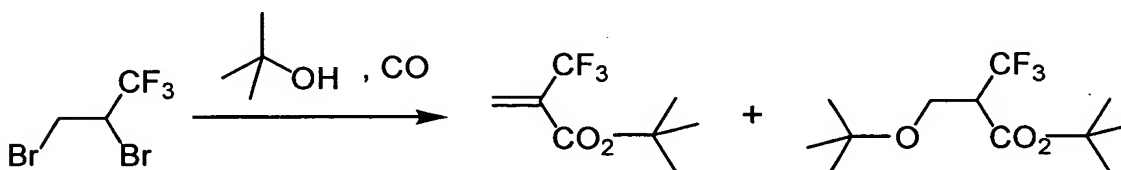
a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 1-menthyl ester was obtained with a yield of 88.3% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane.

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#### Example 20

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 1-menthol (0.188 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), lithium carbonate (0.0074 g, 0.1 mmol),  
 10 dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled,  
 15 ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 1-menthyl ester was obtained with a yield of 90.4% on the  
 20 basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane.

#### Example 21



An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), t-butyl alcohol (0.111 g, 1.5 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), sodium t-butoxide (0.0192 g, 0.2 mmol),

5 dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and toluene (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG).

After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal

10 standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid t-butyl ester was obtained with a yield of 81.1% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane.

15 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid t-butyl ester

<sup>19</sup>F-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): -65.8 (t, J = 1.41 Hz)

GC-MS MS (CI): m/z 197 (M<sup>+</sup>+1)

#### Comparative example 15

20 An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), t-butyl alcohol (0.089 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.223 g, 2.2 mmol),

dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and toluene (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C

25 for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG).

After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzo-trifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -  
5 NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid t-butyl ester was obtained with a yield of 24.8% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 4.6% of 3-(t-butyloxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid t-butyl ester was obtained.

10 3-(t-butyloxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid t-butyl ester  
 $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -66.9 (d,  $J = 8.61$  Hz)

#### Example 22

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), t-butyl alcohol (0.111  
15 g, 1.5 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), sodium carbonate (0.0106 g, 0.1 mmol),  
dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred  
20 at 100°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzo-trifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -  
25 NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic

acid t-butyl ester was obtained with a yield of 80.6% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane.

#### Example 23

5           An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), t-butyl alcohol (0.089 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), lithium carbonate(0.0074 g, 0.1 mmol),  
dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01  
10 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for  
15 a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid t-butyl ester was obtained with a yield of 82.2% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane.

#### 20 Example 24

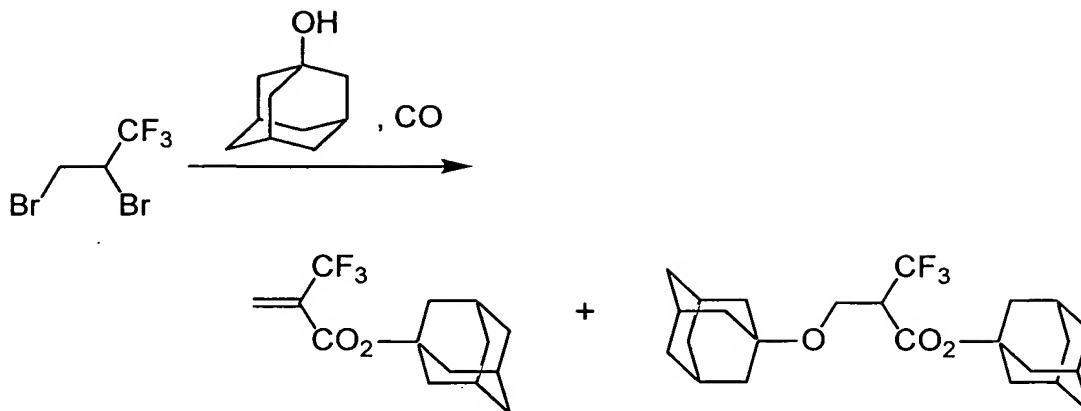
          An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), t-butyl alcohol (0.089 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), lithium carbonate(0.0148 g, 0.2 mmol),  
25 dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01

mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid t-butyl ester was obtained with a yield of 84.9% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane.

#### Example 25

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), t-butyl alcohol (0.089 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), lithium carbonate (0.0369 g, 0.5 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid t-butyl ester was obtained with a yield of 84.4% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane.

Example 26



An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 1-adamantanol (0.183 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), 60%-sodium hydride (0.0080 g, 0.2 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzo-trifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 1-admantyl ester was obtained with a yield of 87.9% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane.

2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 1-admantyl ester

$^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -65.5 (t,  $J = 1.48$  Hz)

#### Comparative example 16

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 1-adamantanol (0.183 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.223 g, 2.2 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 1-admantyl ester was obtained with a yield of 23.7% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also, 0.6% of 3-(1-adamantyloxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid 1-admantyl ester was obtained.

3-(1-adamantyloxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid 1-admantyl ester

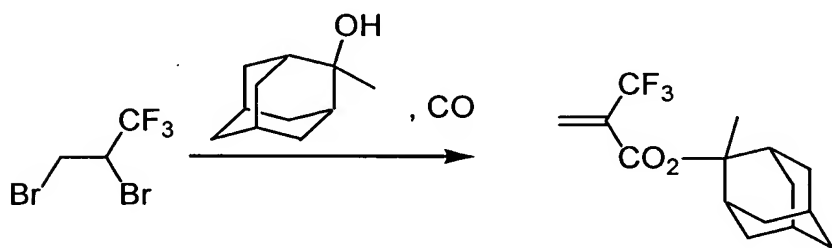
<sup>19</sup>F-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): -66.6 (d, J = 8.60 Hz)

#### Example 27

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 1-adamantanol (0.183 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), lithium

carbonate (0.0074 g, 0.1 mmol),  
dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01  
mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred  
at 100°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0  
5 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled,  
ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal  
standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for  
a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -  
NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic  
10 acid 1-admantyl ester was obtained with a yield of 89.0% on  
the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane.

#### Example 28



15 An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-  
trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 2-methyl-2-adamantanol  
(0.249 g, 1.5 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), sodium  
carbonate (0.0106 g, 0.1 mmol),  
dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01  
20 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred  
at 100°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0  
MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled,



ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 2-methyl-2-adamantyl ester was obtained with a yield of 70.5% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 2-methyl-2-adamantyl ester  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -65.5 (t,  $J = 1.53$  Hz)

#### 10 Comparative example 17

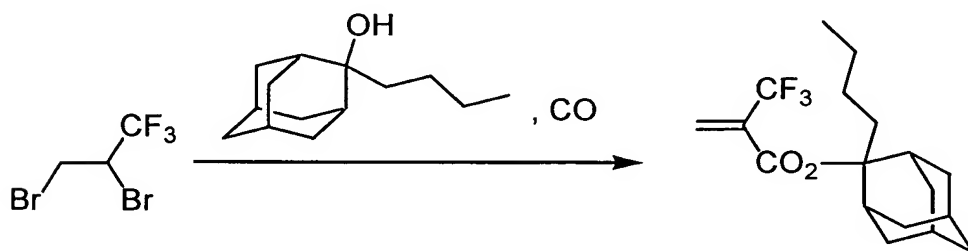
An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 2-methyl-2-adamantanol (0.332 g, 2.0 mmol), triethylamine (0.223 g, 2.2 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 120°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 2-methyl-2-adamantyl ester was obtained with a yield of 19.1% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane.

#### 25 Example 29

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 2-methyl-2-adamantanol (0.249 g, 1.5 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), lithium carbonate (0.0369 g, 0.5 mmol),  
 5 dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal  
 10 standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 2-methyl-2-adamantyl ester was obtained with a yield of 91.1% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane.

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#### Example 30



An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 2-butyl-2-adamantanol (0.313 g, 1.5 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), sodium carbonate (0.0106 g, 0.1 mmol),  
 20 dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01

mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal  
5 standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 2-butyl-2-adamantyl ester was obtained with a yield of 41.9% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane.

10 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 2-butyl-2-adamantyl ester

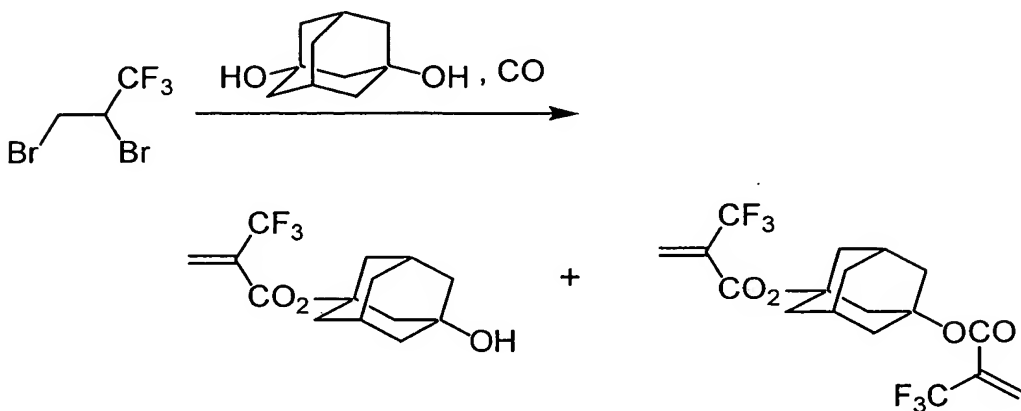
$^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -65.6 (t,  $J = 1.45$  Hz)

#### Example 31

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-  
15 trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 2-butyl-2-adamantanol (0.313 g, 1.5 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), lithium carbonate (0.0369 g, 0.5 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and cyclopentylmethyl ether (2.0 mL), which were then  
20 stirred at 100°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt  
25 precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value

revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 2-butyl-2-adamantyl ester was obtained with a yield of 74.5% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane.

## 5 Example 32



An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 1,3-adamantane diol (0.202 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), 60%-  
 10 sodium hydride (0.0080 g, 0.2 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled,  
 15 ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that mono(2-trifluoromethyl)acrylic acid 1,3-adamantanediyl ester was obtained with a

yield of 62.8% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 21.7%(0.108 mmol) of bis(2-trifluoromethyl) acrylic acid 1,3-adamantanediyl ester was obtained.

5 Mono(2-trifluoromethyl) acrylic acid 1,3-adamantadiyl ester

$^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -65.81 (t,  $J = 1.50$  Hz)

bis(2-trifluoromethyl) acrylic acid 1,3-adamantadiyl ester

$^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): -65.80 (t,  $J = 1.48$  Hz)

10 Comparative example 18

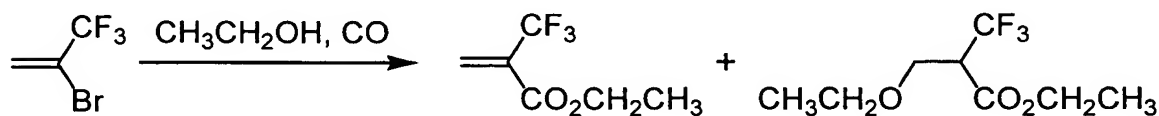
An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 1,3-adamantane diol (0.168 g, 1.0 mmol), triethylamine (0.223 g, 2.2 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01  
15 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for  
20 a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that mono(2-trifluoromethyl) acrylic acid 1,3-adamantanediyl ester was obtained with a yield of 18.7% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 7.3%(0.036 mmol) of bis(2-  
25 trifluoromethyl) acrylic acid 1,3-adamantanediyl ester was

obtained.

### Example 33

An autoclave was charged with 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane (0.2559 g, 1.0 mmol), 1,3-adamantane diol (0.202 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.202 g, 2.0 mmol), sodium carbonate (0.0106 g, 0.1 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzo-trifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-NMR integration value revealed that mono(2-trifluoromethyl) acrylic acid 1,3-adamantanediyl ester was obtained with a yield of 67.1% on the basis of 2,3-dibromo-1,1,1-trifluoropropane. Also 20.4% (0.102 mmol) of bis(2-trifluoromethyl) acrylic acid 1,3-adamantanediyl ester was obtained.

### Example 34



An autoclave was charged with 2-bromo-3,3,3-

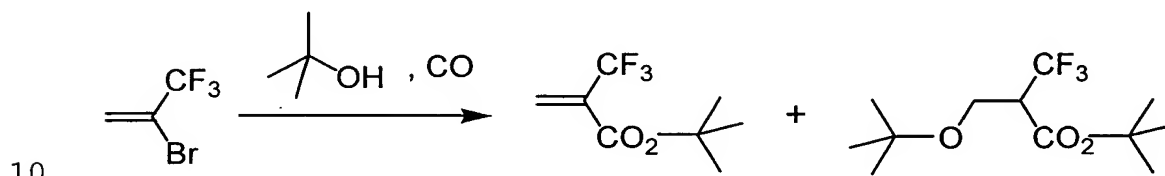
trifluoropropene (0.175 g, 1.0 mmol), ethanol (0.055 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.101 g, 1.0 mmol), lithium carbonate (0.0074 g, 0.1 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid ethyl ester was obtained with a yield of 82.0% on the basis of 2-bromo-3,3,3-trifluoropropene. Also 3.3% of 3-ethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid ethyl ester was obtained.

#### Comparative example 19

An autoclave was charged with 2-bromo-3,3,3-trifluoropropene (0.175 g, 1.0 mmol), ethanol (0.055 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.111 g, 1.1 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal

standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid ethyl ester was obtained with a yield of 62.1% on the basis of 2-bromo-3,3,3-trifluoropropene. Also 16.7% of 3-ethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)propionic acid ethyl ester was obtained.

#### Example 35



An autoclave was charged with 2-bromo-3,3,3-trifluoropropene (0.175 g, 1.0 mmol), t-butyl alcohol (0.089 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.101 g, 1.0 mmol), lithium carbonate (0.0148 g, 0.2 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid t-butyl ester was obtained with a yield of 75.7% on the

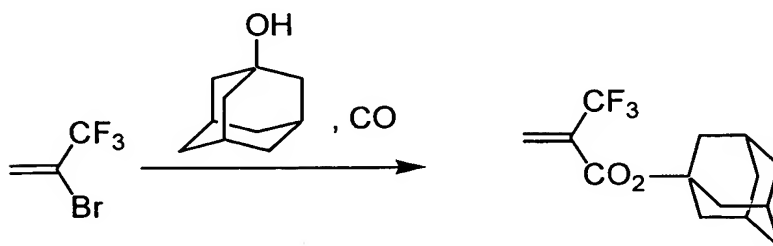


basis of 2-bromo-3,3,3-trifluoropropene.

#### Comparative example 20

An autoclave was charged with 2-bromo-3,3,3-trifluoropropene (0.175 g, 1.0 mmol), t-butyl alcohol (0.089 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.111 g, 1.1 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 5 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid t-butyl ester was obtained with a yield of 12.6% on the basis of 2-bromo-3,3,3-trifluoropropene.

#### Example 36



An autoclave was charged with 2-bromo-3,3,3-trifluoropropene (0.175 g, 1.0 mmol), 1-adamantanol (0.183 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.101 g, 1.0 mmol), lithium

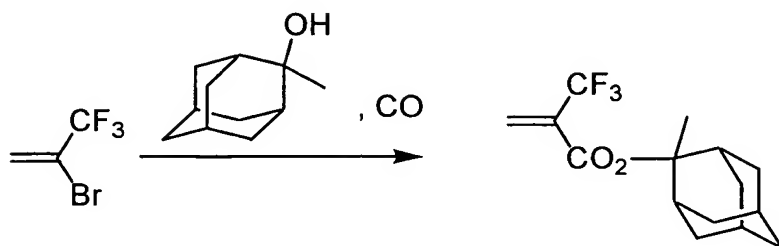
carbonate(0.0074 g, 0.1 mmol),  
dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01  
mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred  
at 100°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0  
5 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled,  
ventilated, and added with benzo-trifluoride as an internal  
standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for  
a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-  
NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic  
10 acid 1-admantyl ester was obtained with a yield of 80.2% on  
the basis of 2-bromo-3,3,3-trifluoropropene.

#### Comparative example 21

An autoclave was charged with 2-bromo-3,3,3-  
15 trifluoropropene (0.175 g, 1.0 mmol), 1-adamantanol (0.183 g,  
1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.111 g, 1.1 mmol),  
dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01  
mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred  
at 100°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0  
20 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled,  
ventilated, and added with benzo-trifluoride as an internal  
standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for  
a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-  
NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic  
25 acid 2-adamantyl ester was obtained with a yield of 13.9% on

the basis of 1-bromo-3,3,3-trifluoropropene.

#### Example 37



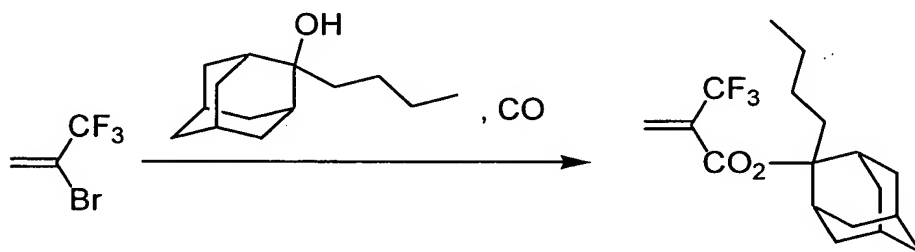
5           An autoclave was charged with 2-bromo-3,3,3-trifluoropropene (0.175 g, 1.0 mmol), 2-methyl-2-adamantanol (0.200 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.101 g, 1.0 mmol), lithium carbonate (0.0369 g, 0.5 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01  
10 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzo-trifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for  
15 a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a <sup>19</sup>F-NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 2-methyl-2-adamantyl ester was obtained with a yield of 79.6% on the basis of 2-bromo-3,3,3-trifluoropropene.

#### 20 Comparative example 22

          An autoclave was charged with 2-bromo-3,3,3-trifluoropropene (0.175 g, 1.0 mmol), 2-methyl-2-adamantanol

(0.200 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.111 g, 1.1 mmol),  
dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01  
mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL), which were then stirred  
at 100°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0  
5 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled,  
ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal  
standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for  
a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -  
NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic  
10 acid 2-methyl-2-adamantyl ester was obtained with a yield of  
4.1% on the basis of 2-bromo-3,3,3-trifluoropropene.

#### Example 38



15 An autoclave was charged with 2-bromo-3,3,3-  
trifluoropropene (0.175 g, 1.0 mmol), 2-butyl-2-adamantanol  
(0.250 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.101 g, 1.0 mmol),  
lithium carbonate (0.0148 g, 0.2 mmol),  
dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01  
20 mmol), and cyclopentylmethyl ether (2.0 mL), which were then  
stirred at 100°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon  
monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the

autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 2-butyl-2-adamantyl ester was obtained with a yield of 70.1% on the basis of 2-bromo-3,3,3-trifluoropropene.

#### Comparative example 23

An autoclave was charged with 2-bromo-3,3,3-trifluoropropene (0.175 g, 1.0 mmol), 2-butyl-2-adamantanol (0.250 g, 1.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.111 g, 1.1 mmol), dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.0070 g, 0.01 mmol), and cyclopentylmethyl ether (2.0 mL), which were then stirred at 100°C for 15 hours after introducing carbon monoxide (1.0 MPaG). After the end of the reaction, the autoclave was cooled, ventilated, and added with benzotrifluoride as an internal standard substance, followed by stirring and leaving still for a while to let a salt precipitate. Quantification using a  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR integration value revealed that 2-trifluoromethyl acrylic acid 2-butyl-2-adamantyl ester was obtained with a yield of 4.2% on the basis of 2-bromo-3,3,3-trifluoropropene.

#### INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY

The present invention provides a simple and highly versatile and selective process for producing a fluorine-containing acrylic acid ester which is a useful compound having wide applications in materials for pharmaceuticals and  
5 functional polymers.